

--- “Series of 1883” - Seventy Pounds - Green - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the 70 pound denomination was one of the original denominations in the “Series of 1883” introduced on July 1st. Possibly the initial sheets were printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove paper. It seems, from the parallel with the other denominations, that the early seventy pound stamps from the **3rd BABN Contract** may have been printed on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove paper. Lee Brandom does not record such a stamp. Does it exist?

The catalogue lists the recess printed seventy pound green “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-287 - 70 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue controls,
with ten 1 pound coupons and an **188**_ stub

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 2,000 copies of “70 lb. Green, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 5,210 copies of “70 lb. Green, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.

--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 70 pound green Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract	2,000	- 000001 to 002000
4th BABN Contract	5,210	- 002000 to 007210
	7,210	

--- The “actual” control number range on the 70 pound green Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

70 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* wove - 4 mm. blue controls - **003761** to **007008**

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with *Gothic 4 mm. violet controls* ---

All of the stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic *violet control numbers* seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in 1880-81, and in the mid-1880’s. Some examples are found on *block wmkd* paper which indicates that they date from 1883-84.

There are a couple dozen examples in the collection most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the other stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later than 1900. It is also possible that these *violet control numbered* stamps were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists of the era. This coupon stamp, illustrated below, was purchased from Betty Walther, a retired collector in Fairfield, California - who is a collector friend of Fritz Angst.



★ 70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, with purple 4 mm. Gothic control **349401**,
recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons

--- RM-287 - Seventy Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



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3rd BABN Contract

2,000

- 000001 to 002000

The collection *does not contain* a copy of **RM-287** in this control number range. **WANTED!**



★**RM-287n** - 70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, without control numbering, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove,
with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188_ stub

--- RM-287 - Seventy Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus ten 1 pound coupons, and an *188*_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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with ten 1 pound coupons and an *188*_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 70 pound green Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract

5,210

- 002000 to 007210

--- The “actual” control number range on this 70 pound green Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

70 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* wove - 4 mm. blue controls

- 003761 to 007008



★**RM-287** - 70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. blue control number **004707**, from the 3rd BABN Contract,
recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with ten 1 pound coupons and an *188*_ stub

003761	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an <i>188</i> _ stub
003791	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003793	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003801	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an <i>188</i> _ stub
003872	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003880	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003927	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003940★	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003963	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003971	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
003993	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004062	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004138	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004176	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004187	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004188	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004216	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004242	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004255	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004257	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004273	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
004319	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove

004397★	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004448	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004465	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004468	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004498	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004513	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004517	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004534	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004549	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004555	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188_ stub
004670	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004677	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004702	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004707★	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188_ stub
004711	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004715	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
004747	RM-287	70 pounds, green, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove



★RM-287 CP - 70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. blue control number **006252**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188_ stub - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

006252★	RM-287 CP	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188_ stub - stamped CANCELLED
007008	RM-287 CP	70 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with ten 1 pound coupons and an 188_ stub - stamped CANCELLED

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